



# Benjamin Franklin Chapter

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## NEWSLETTER January 2015

# January 16 meeting at Florentine; Washington Monument program

The first meeting of 2015 will be at The Florentine Restaurant at noon on Friday the 16th. The program will be a PowerPoint program "The Washington Monument--its design, construction, and repair from the 2011 earthquake."

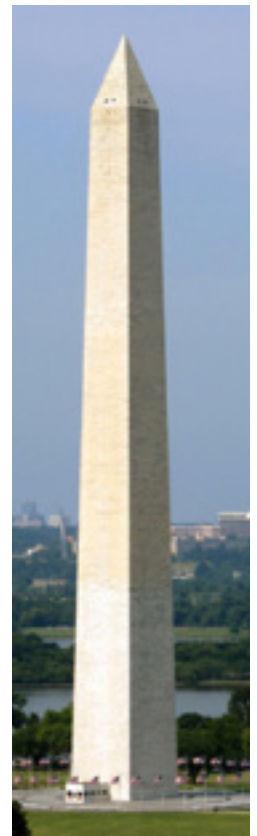
Presenter David Birthelmer promises a very interesting program. He explains, "The story of this magnificent monument includes political obstruction by the Jefferson Administration as well as meddling on the part of the Know Nothing Party and Congress. Add in the outbreak of the Civil War and problems maintaining a supply of granite, and you get 37 years from start to completion."

When finally completed in 1887, it was the tallest structure in the world.

The program features historic images of the first design and early construction stages. Also featured are many photographs of the extensive damage done by the 2011 earthquake and the equally extensive repairs that followed.

So, be sure to make arrangements to join your Compatriots on the 16th.

*The Washington Monument in the afternoon sunshine.*



## Martin Byron receives full burial honors



*SAR and SUV members honor fellow member Martin Byron by firing their weapons.*

Compatriot Martin Byron was laid to rest Dec. 27 with an honor guard and color guard comprised of his fellow members of the Hocking Valley Chapter of the SAR and the Sons of Union Veterans.

Martin was also a dual member of our Chapter, which was represented by officers Bill Diehl, David Birthelmer, Chuck Finley, and Jim Shough.

# 2015 George Washington's Birthday Observance program to feature the Revolution's foundations

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson had their major disagreements and had run against one another for President in both 1796 and 1800. However, after they were both out of office, they began a long period of correspondence.

During this period, these intellectuals reflected on the long struggle for independence from Britain. In an 1818 letter to Jefferson, Adams posed this question--

*But what do we mean by the American Revolution? Do we mean the American war? The Revolution was effected before the War commenced. The Revolution was in the minds and hearts of the people; a change in their religious sentiments, of their duties and obligations. This radical change in the principles, opinions, sentiments, and affections of the people, was the real American Revolution.*

Even the singer Bono has observed, "America is not just a country; it's an idea." Actually, America is several ideas. Among them are a republican form of government with three equal branches, checks and balances, freedom of speech and religion, and a free enterprise system. Also included are the radical thoughts that all men are created equal and born with inalienable rights.

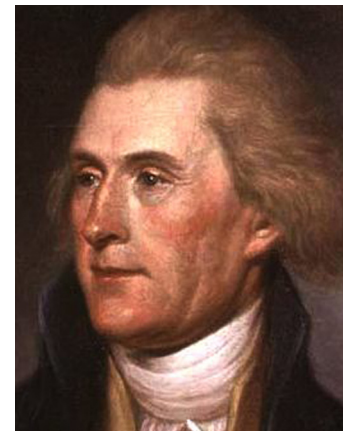
And these are just a few foundations of this new government that had existed as mere concepts before our Founders wrote them into our founding documents.

So why was our new government so different than any that had preceded it, and why has it worked so well for so long? The answers lie with the extensive classical education of Adams, Jefferson, Madison and the other Founders.

On Feb. 20, Dr. Denise Riley will present "An Enlightened Revolution" and trace these American principles to the great scholars and original thinkers of the Age of Enlightenment. You'll be amazed at the range and depth of our Founders' awareness of these ideas that made their way into the Declaration of Independence, the stirring essays of Thomas Paine, the Federalist Papers, and eventually the Constitution--proving Adams' assertion that "The Revolution was effected before the War commenced. The Revolution was in the minds and hearts of the people."



John Adams



Thomas Jefferson

## Meal options

More good news is that all three meal options are priced at \$29.00--lower than last year's three choices.

Choice 1. Black Angus Braised Beef (boneless, slowly roasted)

Choice 2. Chicken Rothschild (breast of chicken in a raspberry-Dijon sauce)

Choice 3. Baked stuffed sole (baked in lemon butter sauce and stuffed with crabmeat and vegetables)

So, take this opportunity to make reservations for you and your guests.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Yes, I will attend the George Washington's Birthday Observance (Dinner) at 6:30 p.m. on Friday Feb. 20 at The Clintonville Woman's Club 3951 North High Street Columbus and I will be bringing \_\_\_ guests.

Circle dinner selection

My name _____	Phone # _____	Beef	Chicken	Stuffed Sole
My Guests:				
_____		Beef	Chicken	Stuffed Sole
_____		Beef	Chicken	Stuffed Sole
_____		Beef	Chicken	Stuffed Sole
_____		Beef	Chicken	Stuffed Sole

All meals are \$29.00.

Make the check payable to: **Benjamin Franklin Chapter** and mail it to--

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